



**SCREENING CHAPTER 27
ENVIRONMENT**

**AGENDA ITEM: CITES
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CURRENT STATUS

Turkey ratified CITES in 1996. The Convention entered into force on 22 December 1996.

To promote effectiveness of the Convention, a By-law on CITES Implementation was published. By-law was amended on 6 August 2004.



DESIGNATED AUTHORITIES

By-law on CITES implementation

- Management Authorities: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) and Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF)
- Scientific Authority: Turkish Scientific and Technological Research Council (TUBITAK)
- Relevant Authorities: Prime Ministry and Ministry of Interior



DESIGNATED CUSTOMS POINTS

There are no specific custom points.

All custom points can be used for the trade of CITES species.



COORDINATION

Ministry of Environment and Forestry is responsible for providing coordination among the CITES Secretariat, Parties, Management Authorities, Scientific Authority, Relevant Authorities and other institutions and establishments.



LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- Law No.4915 on Terrestrial Hunting
- Law No.5199 on Animal Protection
- Law No.1380 on Fishery



LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK (CONT'D)

- Law No. 4926 on Fight Against Smuggling
- Law No.4458 on Customs
- Law No.2872 on Environment
- By-law on Pertaining to Uprooting, Production and Export of Natural Flower Bulbs



IMPLEMENTATION

MoEF is designated as MA for birds, mammals (except sea mammals), reptiles, amphibians, arachnoids, all kind of forest products and other species remaining out of responsibility of MARA.

MARA is designated as MA for terrestrial invertebrates, molluscs, water products including water plants, sea mammals and live plants.



IMPLEMENTATION (CONT'D)

CITES Permit and Certificates are prepared according to the provisions of the Convention. The copy with a yellow band is for the trader while the one with blue band is retained by the Authority, and those with red and green bands are received by the customs authorities. All forms with green bands are sent to MoEF by the Undersecretary of Customs at the end of each year.



IMPLEMENTATION (CONT'D)

Permits and Certificates

Each CITES permit and certificate contains name and seal of the MA, including a 13-digit control number assigned by the MA.

IMPLEMENTATION (CONT'D)

Permits and certificates

AA BB CC DD - - FFF

A: International traffic code of Turkey

B: Ministry code of the MA granting it

C: Month in which the certificate is issued

D: Last two digits of the year in which the certificate is issued

E: - -

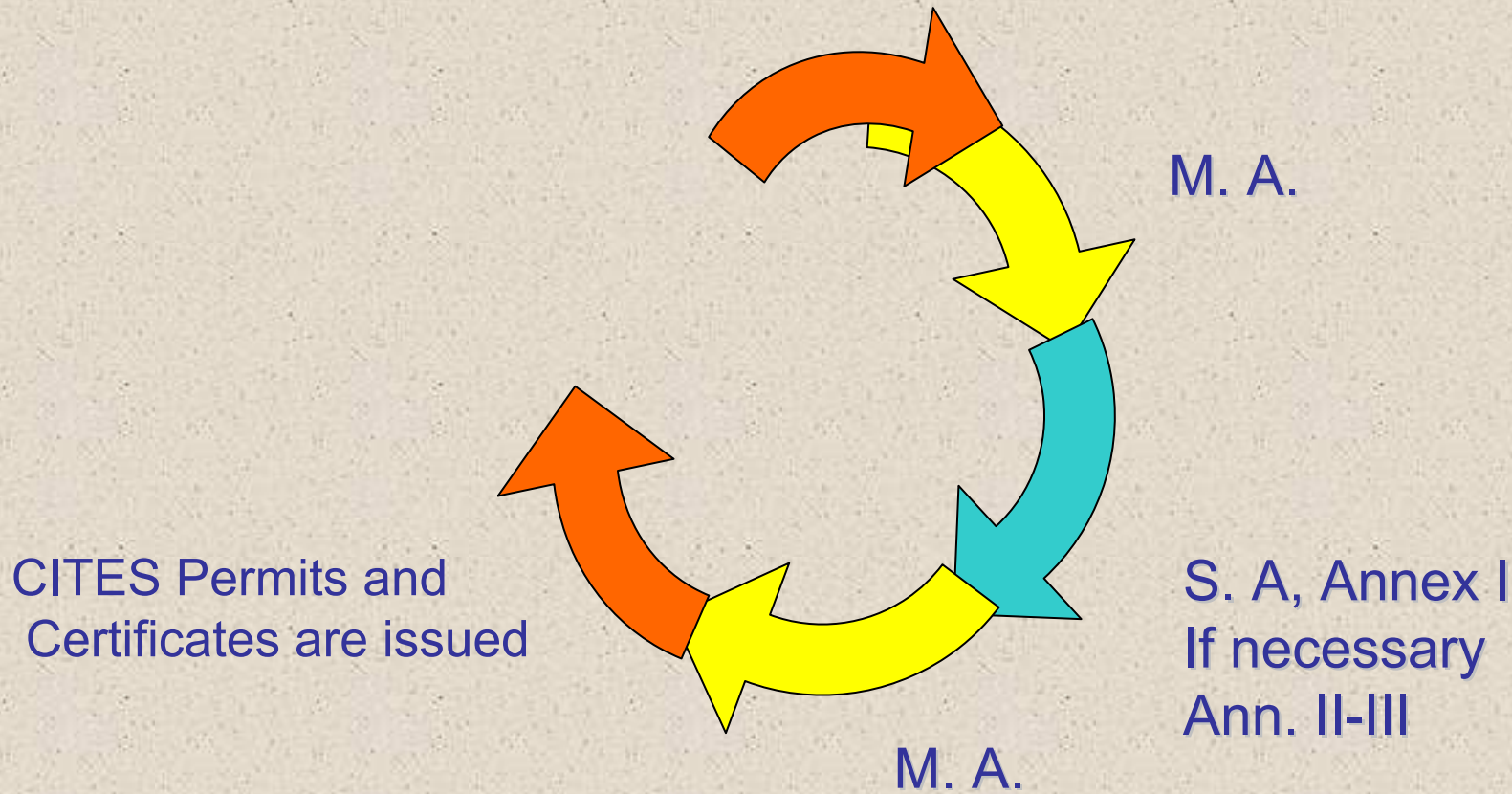
F: Order number for the year in which the certificate is issued

In the section “B” of the control number

- 12 addresses MARA
- 18 addresses MoEF

IMPLEMENTATION (CONT'D)

Applications submitted for the CITES Permits





EXEMPTIONS FOR TRADE

- Specimens of species acquired before the Convention
- Traveling exhibitions of live animal
- Scientific studies
- Specimens considered as personal or household
- Transit passage
- Specimens of animals bred in captivity or artificially propagated plants



MONITORING

Monitoring of actual trade is controlled by provincial directorates of MoEF, MARA, Undersecretariat of Customs and Ministry of Interior.



SANCTIONS

CITES permits and certificates are cancelled in the infringement of By-law on CITES Implementation.

Depending on the nature of the offence, penalties are applied pursuant to the related articles of the Criminal Code, Law on Fight Against Smuggling, Law on Customs, Law on Environment, Law on Terrestrial Hunting and Law on Fishery.



REPORTING

MoEF prepares and submits annual statistical reports on issued permits and certificates to the CITES Secretariat.



FURTHER ACTIONS

- Determination of specific customs points
- Training of public, Customs Officers, and other related people
- Establishment of rescue centers for confiscated specimens
- Preparation of Identification Manuel
- Scientific support



Thank you for your attention